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Immigration and Naturalization Service

OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE APPEALS  
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File: EAC-97-101-50527

Office: Vermont Service Center

Date: JUN 9 2000

IN RE: Petitioner:  
Beneficiary:

Petition: Petition for Special Immigrant Religious Worker Pursuant to Section 203(b)(4) of the Immigration and Nationality Act, 8 U.S.C. 1153(b)(4)

IN BEHALF OF PETITIONER:

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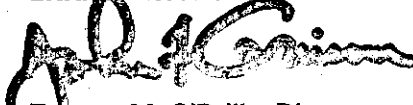
This is the decision in your case. All documents have been returned to the office which originally decided your case. Any further inquiry must be made to that office.

If you believe the law was inappropriately applied or the analysis used in reaching the decision was inconsistent with the information provided or with precedent decisions, you may file a motion to reconsider. Such a motion must state the reasons for reconsideration and be supported by any pertinent precedent decisions. Any motion to reconsider must be filed within 30 days of the decision that the motion seeks to reconsider, as required under 8 C.F.R. 103.5(a)(1)(i).

If you have new or additional information which you wish to have considered, you may file a motion to reopen. Such a motion must state the new facts to be proved at the reopened proceeding and be supported by affidavits or other documentary evidence. Any motion to reopen must be filed within 30 days of the decision that the motion seeks to reopen, except that failure to file before this period expires may be excused in the discretion of the Service where it is demonstrated that the delay was reasonable and beyond the control of the applicant or petitioner. Id.

Any motion must be filed with the office which originally decided your case along with a fee of \$110 as required under 8 C.F.R. 103.7.

FOR THE ASSOCIATE COMMISSIONER,  
EXAMINATIONS

  
Terrance M. O'Reilly, Director  
Administrative Appeals Office

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**DISCUSSION:** The immigrant visa petition was denied by the Director, Vermont Service Center, and a subsequent appeal was dismissed by the Associate Commissioner for Examinations. The matter is now before the Associate Commissioner on a motion to reconsider. The motion will be dismissed.

The petitioner is an individual who seeks classification as a special immigrant religious worker pursuant to section 203(b)(4) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (the Act), 8 U.S.C. 1153(b)(4), to serve as a minister.

The center director denied the petition in a decision dated May 19, 1997. The Associate Commissioner dismissed an appeal from that decision finding that the petitioner had failed to establish that: he qualifies as a minister; his prospective employer has the ability to pay the proffered wage; and, his prospective employer is a qualifying, non-profit religious organization.

On motion, the petitioner attempted to address each issue in the Associate Commissioner's decision.

8 C.F.R. 103.5(a)(ii) provides that a petitioner may file a Motion to Reopen or a Motion to Reconsider by filing Form I-290A with required fee. According to 8 C.F.R. 103.5(a)(1)(i), any motion to reopen or reconsider must be filed by the petitioner within 30 days of the decision that the motion seeks to reopen or reconsider.

The appeal was dismissed in a decision dated April 7, 1998. The petitioner filed the motion on June 8, 1998. The respondent's motion was improperly filed and untimely filed. The motion was untimely filed and will be dismissed.

**ORDER:** The motion is dismissed.